

DURCANSKY, FERDINAND

9. DI-34383 29 Apr 46 definitely established DURCANSKY is hiding in Rome, in contact with LIUTTOR and GIDOR. Lead to hiding place being followed.

10. OUT-0200 9 May 46 AFIR reportedly had no knowledge of subject's whereabouts.

11. IN-47851 Paris 23 22 Nov 46 CONTROL at Reported as head of SLOVAKIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL IN ITALY, and is in close touch with Vojtech KRAJCOVIC, former president Slovak National Bank, and now in Paris. Paris requests from Rome all info. on subject and make confirmation or report that Rome has demanded British expel him from Italy for trial in Czech, as war criminal.

12. P-8411 5 Oct 46 Following information furnished by Dr. KRAJCOVIC, DURCANSKY was former Professor of International Law of the University of Bratislava; was Foreign Minister of Slovakia in 1939, signed a treaty of friendship with Hitler under duress and was dismissed by the pro-fascist govt. because of his desire to establish contacts with England and France. Is now in Rome for purposes of contacting the other Slovak resistance. The President of the old Slovak Parliament, Dr. OBUSTIL has authorized DURCANSKY to proceed with the formation of a clandestine Resistance Government for Slovakia. He has been received by the Political Office of the French Foreign Office, but nature of the reception was not disclosed. Attached to the document is a letter outlining Resistance Movements in Slovakia prepared by DURCANSKY at the request of KRAJCOVIC.

PIRA-395 25 Mar. 47 It is reported that subject left Rome in Dec. 1946, and was in hiding near Rome. In Praesotti he stayed at the Jesuit Monastery and in nearby Crociferrato he lived at the College for Oriental Priests. In March, subject returned to Rome, and at present is staying in the Vatican as a guest of a postal employee of the Vatican mail service.

IN-13647 22 Apr. 47 Re: subject, couple residing 2908 Fairfield Ave., Bridgeport, Conn., didn't return as contacts in U. S. for Slovak Action Committee, which they describe as underground movement led by subject in Italy. State Dept. has received communications signed by subject. President Slovak Action Committee, Italian stamp and U.S. Postmark indicate Bridgeport address, used as letter-drop. Interrogating Czech Embassy no indication Durocansky in U.S. but possibly in Italy.

PIN-1080 17 Feb. 47 Subject is on an Italian Police wanted list, which states "Careful trace and arrest (urgently requested) of Slovak, subject, war criminal, born in Bajec on 10 Dec. 1906, accompanied by wife, Elisabetta PALACOVIC, born 23 Mar. 1911, Description 2.60m; dark eyes and hair, photo attached.

PIRA-208 7 Mar 47 Correction on PIN-1080 which had given subject's first name as Mario.

ITALY

PIRA-1171 7 Aug. 47 Intends to migrate to Argentina. Brief info, per. 22 Aug-46. Subj. is K-14311. Michler now reported enroute to L. I. en route to Lisbon. Subject allegedly slipped off and fled to Spain.

STATE 2-161 6 Oct. 47 Rudolf KOMANDERA & KRIZEN and RUSTARA, principal state witness Slovak group now under arrest for anti-State activities. Subject (Komandera) reportedly fled Slovakia 1945 and settled Kunich. Established contact with followers of Durocansky. Reported confessed activities as courier and liaison agent for Durocansky group.

STATE 2-161 Prague #1876 6 Nov. 47 Czech Embassy Prague states the the Communist official Ministry of Foreign Affairs informed Embassy that subject left Italy for Argentina three or four weeks ago.

PIRA-1500 13 Oct. 47 Federico arranged through subject's secretary Elena PILO, for subject to give an interview to Claire Weikind. Subject also reported to have gone to Brazil, after the interview was given.

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State cable IN-31654 22 Dec. 47 Suspend action and submit to the Dept. any application for visa facilities which may be made by subject. In the event a visa has been issued to subject this fact should be reported promptly to the Dept. complete with report regarding the issuance of the visa. Also report Aliens means of travel, his reported destination in the U.S. and residence in this country.

IN-34770 7 Apr. 47 Subj. desires whereabouts of subject. London "Times" dated 20 Sept. 47 states "Believed Durcansky living in the United States".

OUT-38789 Wash-2099 13 Feb. 48 State cable dated 8 Nov. 47 states subject had sailed from Italy for Argentina three weeks previously. Brazil also reported to be his destination but Argentines believed present location. State cable of 22 Dec. 47 ordered all stations to report immediately, should subject request U.S. Visa. See above.

CA-454 20 Jan 48 Subj. pres. of Slovak Action Committee, has arrived PA from U.S. Subj. seemingly in Arg. for purposes of organizing among his compatriots a group to liberate their homeland.

CA-456 20 Jan 48 Subj. has received info that Russians are disgusted with Pres. Benes for his "double-play". Russians will possibly adopt more radical methods against Benes, one method of which may be establishment of an independent Slovak Republic with Communist or Communist sympathizing govt.

1. A-65711 12/4/48 Czech Government much perturbed by reports that American authorities have permitted subject, ex-Foreign Minister in the TISO Government, to seek refuge in Rome. As soon as located, his extradition will be requested since he is considered very important War Criminal. This info. comes from a Communist Cabinet member.

2. OUT-4119 12/13/48 Substantiation of the above report cable to [ ]

3. DI-31031 1/11/48 Subject arrived in Rome with his wife and 2 children and is hiding. Had secret conference with SEDOR, Slovak Minister in the Vatican. It is reported through a Slovak priest that subject will shortly leave for the USA.

4. Inter-office memo 1/17/48 PK, Belton area, to Liaison for State.

5. OUT 197 1/15/48 (SI cable) Relaying f 3 Name given as DURCANSKY

6. -- IN-34182 (PARME) An proposed extradition requested through diplomatic channels

7. OUT- 2398 3/27/48 to [ ] urgently requesting info.

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